

SENATE BILL 2085  
By Graves

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 11, relative to the licensure of psychologists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-11-206, is amended by deleting subsection (h) in its entirety and by substituting instead a new subsection (h), as follows:

(h)(1) A provisional license to practice as a psychologist, with the designation as a health service provider, may be issued by the board of examiners in psychology to an applicant who has successfully completed the academic and internship requirements of §§ 63-11-208(c)(3) and 63-11-208(d)(1)(A), and who is to be engaged in a one (1) year post-doctoral experience required by § 63-11-208(2)(A). Such provisional licensure shall allow the applicant to perform the functions specified in §§ 63-11-203 and 63-11-208(d)(2)(B), under the qualified supervision of a psychologist acceptable to the board who is licensed in Tennessee with a designation as a health service provider in good standing.

(2) In order for a provisional license to remain valid, the licensee must take, and pass, the Examination for Professional Practice in Tennessee (EPPP) at the level set for licensure as a psychologist in Tennessee within one (1) year of the issuance of the provisional license unless the applicant previously passed

the EPPP at that level. A second failure of the EPPP after the issuance of a provisional license shall result in its revocation.

(3) In order for the provisional license to remain valid, the licensee must take, and pass, the oral and/or jurisprudence examination developed by the board within two (2) years of the issuance of the provisional license. The second failure of the oral and/or jurisprudence examination shall result in the revocation of the provisional license.

(4) The board may consider petitions of the licensee regarding extraordinary circumstances which would necessitate delay in taking the written or oral examination.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-11-211(b)(5), is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(5) in its entirety and by substituting a new subdivision (b)(5), as follows:

(b)(5) The board may permit a psychologist licensed in good standing in another state, who meets standards acceptable to the board, to perform the functions of §§ 63-11-203 and 63-11-208(d)(2)(B), and practice as a psychologist in Tennessee without possessing a current license for a period of time, not to exceed twelve (12) days per year, for such purposes as special training or consultation, special evaluation and/or intervention, or serving as an expert witness. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the regular, repetitive, or ongoing provision of psychological services, the supervision of psychological services, or for the solicitation or advertisement of services to the general public, all of which is governed by the usual and customary processes of licensure for psychologists.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.